

he said to the timid one. "For it you shall be rewarded. Wife, give this boy a fresh-laid egg with his food each day." Then he said: "If thou ever attempts to run away thou wilt get no more egg."

The timid one was glad. He thought, with a shade of contempt, that the strong one was not getting a fresh-laid egg each day and he congratulated himself that he had remained with the farmer.

And the farmer chuckled: "For a little while he shall get the egg until the strong one is far away. Then he shall pay for the egg by eating less than ever before." And he laughed aloud as the weak one raised grateful eyes to him.

And it all came to pass thus. The strong one, who had reached the land of plenty, never returned, and soon the fresh egg was denied the weak one, and the scraps grew less, for scraps may be fed to hogs and hogs sell for money—and there was nothing left for the weak one but to toil on until the blessed day of his release when toil is no more.

The employers on Milwaukee avenue, like the farmer, gave a fresh egg to their employes to keep them from joining the strong and becoming organized. The fresh egg was an extra night free of work.

But I am wondering how long it will be before the Milwaukee avenue employers, like the farmer, will decide the fresh egg is no longer necessary and take it away. And how long before the clerks will find conditions even more impossible than they ever were before—while the employer chuckles—and the strong are in the land of plenty?

#### MAPLE SUGAR COOKIES

One cup of sugar, one cup of crushed maple sugar, half a cup of butter, two well-beaten eggs, two tablespoons of water, two teaspoons of baking powder and flour enough to roll out. Do not make too stiff. Bake in a quick oven.

#### DIARY OF FATHER TIME

It is hard to realize that the American navy has been in existence only about 140 years. It was after the battle of Bunker Hill that it became evident that to carry on the war successfully against England, America must obtain clothing, arms, and ammunition for its army. As the English were receiving their munitions of war from England, it was decided to intercept the store-ships of the enemy. George Washington therefore commissioned the S. S. Lee to cruise in the vicinity of the British boats with the object of seizing supplies intended for the enemy's army, and on November 29, 1775, she sailed into Cape Ann Roads with the prize Nancy, laden with ammunition.

The first suggestion for the establishment of an American navy was made in Congress in 1775 when it occasioned a most spirited debate. Samuel Chase of Maryland declared: "It is the maddest thing in the world to think of building an American fleet. We should mortgage the whole continent." It was finally resolved to fit out four vessels at once, but not content to wait the construction of the new ships Congress bought and hastily equipped for service thirteen merchantmen. It was with this little fleet of improvised vessels of war that the people of the thirteen colonies were about to try conclusions on the ocean with a country that had successfully matched its strength against the combined navies of Europe.

#### NECTAR CREAM

Juice of half a lemon and one tablespoon of sugar. Add two or three lumps of ice. Mix well, allowing ice to melt. Add half small teaspoon of carbonate of soda and drink while effervescing.

"A friend or two will keep one young," says Uncle John Rockefeller. But we can't all have Dr. Biggars to snuggle up to, John.